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Allen-Scott Report**Checking Into
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In June 1963, five months almost to the day he assassinated President Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald obtained a passport to go to Russia.

This passport, for himself only, was issued in New Orleans the day after he applied for it. That was done without the customary "name check" required for persons known to be Communists or to have Communist associations.

At the time Oswald was granted his passport to Russia, there was a detailed file on him in the State Department recording the following:

That Oswald had formally declared his "defection" to the Soviet in the U.S. embassy in Moscow; that he had married a Russian whose father is a colonel in the Soviet Intelligence service; that Oswald had been arrested in New Orleans for distributing virulent pro-Castro literature; and that he had mysterious ties with a certain government agency.

As in the matter of the required "name check," this incriminatory State Department file apparently was completely ignored in giving Oswald a passport to Russia the day after he asked for it.

This sensational discovery by the special presidential investigating commission has focused attention on Abba Schwartz, controversial head of the Bureau of Security & Consular Affairs. In this capacity, he has jurisdiction over the Passport Division.

Schwartz, who has had his office repainted a number of times in the past two years, is under fire by Senate and House investigating committees.

He is being probed in connection with the stormy suspension of Otto Otepka, veteran State Department security official whose telephone was tapped and files ransacked; and the recent issuing of a visa to British actor Richard Burton, the "fiancee" of Elizabeth Taylor.

The House Immigration Subcommittee, headed by Representative Michael Feighan, D-O., wants to know the circumstances surrounding the latter. At a closed-door hearing, a "morals" issue was raised.

Schwartz is definitely slated to be interrogated by the special commission.

As a result of Mrs. Marina Oswald's testimony and information from other sources, the assassination probers want the

State Department official to clarify a number of matters, among them the following:

Reason for the omission of the "name check" in granting Oswald a passport to Russia, particularly as he was distinctly a so-called "red-flag" case. This category includes individuals whose files are tabbed with a "red-flag."

Whether Oswald's passport application was referred to Schwartz for decision; if not, why not; and if it was, why the passport was authorized in view of Oswald's "defection" record.

What was done about Oswald's State Department file the day President Kennedy was murdered. Commission members have been told this file was removed and locked in Schwartz' desk not long after Oswald's arrest was announced. Also that Schwartz and Abram Chayes, legal advisor of the State Department, conferred repeatedly that day.

Full details of the granting of visas to Oswald and his Russian wife to come to the U.S. in 1962 — after he spent three years in Russia. This aspect of the case involves a mysterious official in another government agency who reputedly had a hand in securing these visas and providing funds for Oswald's return. This money included \$435.71 borrowed from the U.S. embassy in Moscow, which Oswald repaid between October 1962 and January 1963.

Oswald's widow told the special commission that her maiden name was Marina Mikeleyavna Pruskeva, and that she was born in Leningrad in 1941. She is still a Soviet citizen, although her two daughters, born here, are U.S. nationals.

The Justice Department has assigned two attorneys to study what legal recourse would be available should Mrs. Oswald decide to return to Russia. So far, they have come up with no answers. She has said she wants to remain in the U.S. and become a citizen. But legally, there apparently is no way to prevent her going back to the Soviet if she should change her mind.

Charles Bohlen, U.S. Ambassador in Paris, has informed the State Department that Spain very probably will establish diplomatic relations with Russia in a few months. Bohlen reported that backstage discussions on that are underway on the "ambassadorial level" in Paris.

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